REMARKS

In an Advisory Action dated August 25, 2009, the Examiner indicated that the request for reconsideration filed July 24, 2009 did not place the application in condition for allowance, alleging that "[t]he amendments to the claims regarding a 'processor' are unclear" and that <u>Sarin</u> teaches the elements incorporated into claim 1, which were previously recited in now-canceled claim 30. Advisory Action, p. 1 and p. 2.

First, the Examiner alleged that "[t]he amendments to the claims regarding a 'processor' are unclear." Advisory Action, pp. 1 and 2. By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 42 for even greater clarity to recite a "computer." Applicant submits that claims 1 and 42 are clear and fully meet the requirements of the statute.

Second, "[r]egarding the amendments to claim 1, incorporating claim 30," the Office asserted that <u>Sarin</u> "clearly teaches when modifications are made to the pre-existing definitions, they are automatically reflected in the procedure. In column 9, lines 50-67+, Sarin teaches adding an ad-hoc step and if it is decided that the ad-hoc step is to become a fixed part of the overall process, generalizing the variables to create a new process definition wherein the change to the process definition is reflected in the procedure." Advisory Action, p. 1 and p. 2. This is not correct.

As admitted by the Office, <u>Sarin</u> teaches "generaliz[ing] ... the ... variables to create a process definition from a process instance." <u>Sarin</u>, col. 9, II. 62-64 (emphasis added). By doing so, the change to the process instance is reflected in the process definition. This is clearly contrary to the Office's allegation that "the change

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to the process definition is reflected in the **procedure**" (emphasis added). In view of this, and in view of the more detailed discussion in the Amendment after Final, <u>Sarin</u> fails to teach or suggest at least "subsequent **modifications made to the linked procedure definition** are automatically **reflected in the linked procedure**" as recited in claim 1 (emphases added).

Therefore, for the above-noted reasons, and other reasons discussed in the Amendment after Final, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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